racket was recently unearthed in Bombay; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Appointment of Women Scientists in BARC

562. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether women scientists are not eligible for appointments in BARC; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Women Scientists are eligible for appointments in Bhabha Atomic Research Centre.

(b) Does not arise.

Money transferred to RBI by Azad Hind Bank

563. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Reserve Bank of India has in its possession several Crores of rupees which were transferred to it reportedly by Azad Hind Bank set up by Provisional Government of Azad Hind headed by Netaji;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Shri V. K. Challia Nadar of New No. 69, Cemetry Road, old Washarmanpet, Madras—600021 wrote to the RBI claiming payment of certain sums in 1980;

(c) whether some correspondences were made by Govrnment with Shri Nadar in respect of his claims during August 1980; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI). (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that it is not in possession of any money reportedly transferred to it by the Azad Hind Bank set up by Provisional Government of Azad Hind.

(b) to (d) One Shri V. K. Chelliah Nadar of Madras had been making representations to the RBI and Government of India from time to time since 1979 claiming certain amount and gold coins alleged to have been transferred from Azad Hind Bank, Rangoon to the RBI, Calcutta in 1944. RBI has reported that it has not been able to accept the claim of Shri Nadar in the absence of any evidence about receipt of money in RBI.

Delay in commissioning of DHRUVA Reactor

564. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the commissioning of DHRUVA Reactor has been delayed;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) by when it is likely to be commissioned; and

(d) what is the production capacity of this plant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Dhruva, research reactor, is presently being operated at a power level of 40 MW (thermal). The power level is proposed to be raised to the designed level of 100 MW (thermal) in steps.

Foreign Exchange Regulation Act cases registered

565. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the persons against whom cases under the Foreign Exchange Regulations Act (FERA) has been registered during 1987 allegedly involved in violation of FERA;

(b) whether any warrants of arrests have been issued; and

(c) the nature of action taken so far in each case?

THE MNISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) The Directorate of Enforcement have initiated adjudication proceedings in 3,690 cases by issue of Show Cause Notices for alleged violation of the provisions of Foreign Exchange Regulation Act during 1987 (upto 30th June). The time and labour involved in collecting the particulars of each case(s) as sought for will be disproportionately high. If the hon'ble member specifies any particular cases (s) in respect of which the information is required the same will be collected and furnished.

(b) and (c) During the same period 106 persons were arrested under section 35 of FERA, 1973. Investigation in these cases are in progress. Appropriate action under the law as warranted by result of investigations are taken.

Production in THAL Heavy Water Plant

566. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:
SHRMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production in the Heavy Water Plant at THAL, set-up by National Chemical Fertilisers, is satisfactory;

(b) if so, what is the total annual production in this plant;

(c) what is the total amount spent on this project;

(d) whether Government propose to increase the production of Heavy Water in this plant to meet the requirements of the country;

(e) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(f) the funds required for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) The installed annual capacity of this plant is 110 tonnes.